



# Module 5: National Guard/Reserve



# Module Objectives

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## **After this module, you should be able to:**

- Explain TRICARE coverage for Guard/Reserve members on active duty for less than 30 consecutive days
- Define Line of Duty Determinations and how they are used
- Explain who determines TRICARE eligibility and how National Guard/Reserve members become eligible
- Describe how delayed-effective-date active duty orders are used
- Identify Gray Area Reservists



# Active Duty For Less Than 30 Days

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- While on active duty orders for 30 days or less, National Guard/ Reserve members are covered by their Service component for any injury, illness, or disease incurred or aggravated in the line of duty
  - This includes when they are traveling directly to or from the place where they perform their military duty, including weekend drill or unit training assembly
- Their family members are not eligible for TRICARE benefits



# Line of Duty Determination/ Notice of Eligibility

- Line of duty determination/Notice of Eligibility (LOD/NOE) is used to document, establish, manage, and authorize civilian health care for eligible National Guard/Reserve members who are injured or become ill while on active duty
- The Military Medical Support Office (MMSO) is responsible for managing civilian health care for National Guard/Reserve members who are **NOT** in a Military Treatment Facility (MTF) Prime Service Area in the U.S.
- Documentation for LOD/NOE-related conditions must be provided to either the MTF or MMSO to establish eligibility for care
- Medical care may be rendered at a local MTF or a civilian medical facility if required
  - To receive care at the MTF, the National Guard/Reserve member's Command or medical unit should contact the MTF's patient administration office for assistance
  - If local MTF care is not available, the National Guard/Reserve member's Command or medical unit may request civilian medical care authorization through their individual Service processes and the MMSO



# TRICARE Eligibility

- Guard/Reserve members and their family members become TRICARE eligible when activated under federal orders for more than 30 consecutive days
- The Services determine eligibility; the National Guard/Reserve Service Components are:
  - Army National Guard
  - Army Reserve
  - Navy Reserve
  - Marine Corps Reserve
  - Air National Guard
  - Air Force Reserve
  - Coast Guard Reserve



No benefit can be registered in DEERS without access to TRICARE. Eligibility questions can be addressed at the nearest Uniformed Services ID card-issuing facility or by contacting the DEERS Support Office.



# Delayed-Effective-Date Active Duty Orders

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- When National Guard/Reserve members receive federal delayed-effective-date active duty orders to serve for **more than 30 consecutive days in support of a contingency**, they and their family members are eligible for TRICARE on the date the order was issued or 90 days prior to being called to active duty, whichever is later.

**The following scenario demonstrates how delayed-effective-date active duty orders affect TRICARE coverage:**

On January 1, a National Guard/Reserve member received delayed-effective-date active duty orders for 60 consecutive days in support of a contingency operation, with a reporting date of April 2.

On January 1, TRICARE coverage began for the National Guard/Reserve member and their eligible family members.



# Enrollment for Activated Guard/Reserve Members

- Activated Guard/Reserve members must enroll in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote (TPR) just like regular component ADSMs
  - Enrollment is not automatic; all active duty Guard/Reserve members must take action to enroll in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote
- Before enrolling in TRICARE Prime or TPR, Guard/Reserve members and their eligible family members must be registered in DEERS and must complete a TRICARE Prime enrollment form
- If mobilized to an overseas location, National Guard/Reserve members should follow directions given by their command as to whether to enroll in TRICARE Overseas Program Prime (TOP Prime)
  - National Guard/Reserve members on active duty in combatant theaters of operation with existing or imbedded organic medical treatment and support capabilities for health care are not required to enroll in TRICARE Prime



# Additional Options Available to National Guard/Reserve Members

## TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS)

- Premium-based health plan available for purchase by qualified members of the National Guard/Reserve who are members of the Selected Reserve
- See the *TRS* module for additional information

## Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP)

- Provides 180 days of transitional health care coverage for certain members of the Uniformed Services who separated from active duty, and their eligible family members
- See the *Transitional Benefits* module for additional information

## Continued Health Care Benefits Program

- Premium-based health care program that offers temporary transitional health coverage (up to 18 or 36 months) after military health care benefits end (including TAMP eligibility)
- See the *Transitional Benefits* module for additional information



# TRICARE Dental Program for Guard/Reserve Members

- **Non-activated** Guard/Reserve members (both IRR and SELRES) and their eligible family members can participate in the voluntary, premium-based TRICARE Dental Program (TDP)
- Eligibility is determined by the uniformed services and recorded in DEERS
- Sponsors and their eligible family members can enroll independently of each other
- When the Guard/Reserve member is called to active duty on federal orders, they will get their dental care at the military dental facility
  - Guard/Reserve members on federal active duty orders to serve more than 30 consecutive days are considered ADSMs, and are consequently disenrolled from the TDP (if enrolled)
  - Guard/Reserve members who were enrolled in TDP before being ordered to active duty are automatically re-enrolled after demobilization



# National Guard/Reserve Retirees

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- National Guard/Reserve retirees and their families are not eligible for TRICARE coverage until the retiree sponsor begins collecting retirement pay, typically at age 60
- Before reaching age 60 and collecting retirement pay, National Guard/Reserve retirees are often referred to as **“Gray Area Reservists”**
- Once they have reached age 60 and receive retirement pay, Guard/Reserve retirees and their eligible family members can use TRICARE Standard, TRICARE Extra, or enroll in TRICARE Prime
  - Retirees and their families have an annual TRICARE Prime enrollment fee of \$230 for an individual or \$460 for a family of two or more
  - Guard/Reserve retirees and their family members are not eligible for TRICARE Prime Remote or TRICARE Prime for Active Duty Family Members



# Congratulations! You Have Completed Module 5: National Guard/Reserve

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